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1. [redacted] a purge among the Polish Navy officers began in early November 1949 and is continuing.
2. During the month of November 1949 the following officers, without cause or explanation, were dismissed from their commands:
 - a. Lt. Commander Eustachy Szczepaniuk, commander of the Naval Air Command at Puck (Tutzig).
 - b. Lt. Commander Robert Kasperski, member of the Navy Staff. (Lt. Commander Kasperski has been refused authority to continue living in the coastal area.)
 - c. Lt. Commander Tadeusz Konarski, commander of the Polish submarine RYS, stationed at Gdynia.
3. A new Soviet officer identified only as Admiral Szelagowski arrived at Gdynia in mid-November 1949. He was assigned as the First Assistant of Admiral Wlodzimierz Steyer, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Navy. It is reliably stated and accepted among the Navy officers that Admiral Szelagowski will soon replace Admiral Steyer as the new Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Navy.

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